

Lesson Plan: Present perfect tense

Level: Intermediate (B1/B2)

Time: 60 minutes

Topic: Present perfect tense

Objectives:

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Form sentences using the present perfect tense.
- Use "have/has + past participle" to describe experiences and recent actions.
- Differentiate between the *present perfect* and *simple past*.
- Use time expressions like "ever," "never," "just," "already," and "yet."

Materials

- Whiteboard/Markers or Digital Board
- Handouts (gap-fill, pair questions)
- PowerPoint slides or printed visuals
- Timer/Stopwatch
- Optional: Short video or audio clip on life experiences

Lesson Procedure

1. Warm-Up (5–10 mins)

- Activity: Quick "Have you ever...?" game

- Example: "Have you ever eaten sushi?"
- Students stand up and sit if they haven't.
- Aim: Introduce form and activate schema.

2. Presentation (10 mins)

- Form:
 - Subject + have/has + past participle
 - Show examples:
 - "She has visited London."
 - "I have never eaten snails."
- Use:
 - Life experiences without specific time
 - Recent actions with present relevance
- Time Expressions:
 - *ever, never, just, already, yet*

3. Guided Practice (15 mins)

- Activity 1: Gap-fill worksheet
 - Fill in blanks using correct form:
 - "They ___ (already / finish) their homework."
- Activity 2: Sentence correction
 - Students find and fix errors:
 - "I has been to Japan."

4. Speaking Practice (15 mins)

- Activity: "Find someone who..."

- Students get a checklist (e.g., "...has been on TV")
- They walk around asking: "Have you ever...?"
- Follow-Up: Share answers with class:
 - "Anna has been on TV!"

5. Comparison with Simple Past (5 mins)

- Brief contrast with examples:
 - Present Perfect: "*I have eaten ramen.*" (Experience)
 - Simple Past: "*I ate ramen last year.*" (Specific time)

6. Wrap-Up and Assessment (5 mins)

- Quick Quiz: Multiple-choice or write 3 sentences using prompts
- Exit Ticket: Ask each student:
 - "What is one new thing you've learned today?"

Homework (Optional)

- Write a short paragraph about three things you've never done and two you've already done.